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Sistine Chapel has recently been blessed with an LED overhaul. The upgrade has been successful in dealing with the dim lights and the dull colors which always overshadowed Michelangelo's finest works. Tourists often complained that as they walked deeper into the chapel, the lighting became dim. The statues used to be visible but much of the art on the ceiling and the pillars would usually go unnoticed. Last year, a similar makeover was done with the Notre Dame de Paris while after that, the Sistine Chapel was the next catholic house to be treated to an energy saving retrofit.

The Sistine Chapel is more of a high traffic art museum rather than a functional chapel. It is also famous for being the papal election headquarters. It was built by Pope Sixtus IV in the 15th century. People need to get in a really long line to enter the Sistine Chapel. Depending on the day and time of the week, it would take a person around half hour on average to get in to the chapel. The entrance welcomes these people with Michelangelo's magnificent paintings and sculptures. One of the most famous pieces of art is the "Creation of Adam".



Two of the most common problems faced by the tourists here, include a sore neck and tired eyes. The new light fittings would not do much to help the neck discomfort; however, the installation would definitely assist clearer observations and hence better appreciation of art.

In the 1980s, the Vatican had sealed off the windows to the Sistine chapel to avoid deterioration of art because of the harsh natural light. To curb with the situation, low-wattage halogen lights were hastily installed in order to illuminate the 600 square yard ceiling. And

hence, since the last three decades, the paintings have been rendered blurry, whose details were difficult to notice.

The currently fitted Osram LEDs for 2.4 million USD brings Michelangelo's frescoes and sculptures to a vibrant life free from any exposure to ultraviolet and infrared radiation. In addition, the cool non-heat emitting nature of the lights allowed them to be installed in the confines of the Sistine chapel. Even though the Vatican is blessed and does not need to save, but the new LED overhaul will ultimately save much from its energy expenses. This fitting allows art-illuminating visitor lighting along with special provisions for gala lighting for special events. On an overall, the LEDs will not only attract new visitors, but it will also force art and culture lovers to re-visit.

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